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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) 1-13 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION***Election/Restrictions***

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a system for accessing encrypted broadcast data using a decryption key stored in memory, classified in class 713, subclass 193, subject matter wherein unauthorized access to information held in static memory elements is prevented.
 - II. Claim 13, drawn to a CPU accessing confidential data wherein the confidential data is written to one of a plurality of storage regions on a storage device, classified in class 713, subclass 200, subject matter further including means or steps for increasing a system's extension of protection of system hardware, software, or data from maliciously caused destruction, unauthorized modification, or unauthorized disclosure to or by an end user.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I. and II. are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has the utility of initializing a CPU after certain confidential data has been read, encrypting and decrypting data, connecting a CPU to a memory device by both a bus and a serial link, and receiving and accessing encrypted broadcast data, while invention II has separate utility such as caching confidential data in one of a plurality of storage regions of a storage device when a CPU requests access to the data. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

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3. As such, Group I requires searching in class 713/1, subject matter comprising means or steps for establishing an original operating parameter or data for a computer or digital data processing system, 713/502, subject matter wherein counting is performed matter which prevents rerecording of a stored picture signal representative of a time varying object or image, and 380/264, subject matter wherein the key is extracted from a static storage device having a specified location designation. Group II does not require searching in those classes, but does require searching in class 711/118, subject matter wherein portions of the data stored in slower main memory are transferred to faster memory between processor(s) and the main memory, and class 711/123, subject matter further comprising means or steps for employing separate or partitioned cache(s) for separately storing portions of instruction data and user data, respectively.

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and as discussed in the previous paragraph, the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew T Henning whose telephone number is (571) 272-3790. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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